

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: NRS 07.154

APPLICANT: Doug Bishop, City Administrator
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LOCATION: The proposed alterations are located at the Eagles Landing Golf Course and a portion of the Old Knoxville Highway that is adjacent to the golf course. Sevier County

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: The proposed alterations are located in the Lower French Broad River watershed (HUC 06010107). Gist Creek, a tributary to Little Pigeon River, and several wetlands would be impacted by the proposed alterations. Gist Creek has been assessed as not being high quality but fully supporting its classified uses. All other resources have not been assessed. Gist Creek's classified uses are fish and aquatic life, recreation, livestock watering and wildlife, and irrigation.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to relocate a portion of the Old Knoxville Highway (OKH) and expand the Eagles Landing Golf Course. The OKH improvements are due to traffic congestion and are considered essential components to the city's future growth plans. The golf course expansion proposed is needed to attract visitors to the nearby events center.

OKH Impacts:

The OKH improvements would result in the relocation of 1,845 feet of Gist Creek. The proposed channel would be 1,556 feet in length resulting in 289 feet of stream loss. Also associated with OKH improvements is the elimination of 35 feet of an unnamed tributary to Gist Creek and replacement of an existing 25 feet culvert on Gist Creek. The proposed structure would be 152 feet of triple box culvert.

Golf Course Impacts:

The golf course expansion would result in the relocation of an unnamed tributary to the Little Pigeon River, the elimination of an unnamed tributary to Gist Creek and the elimination of several wetlands. A 337 feet section of the tributary would be relocated into 452 feet of proposed channel resulting in 115 feet of additional stream footage. The tributary currently drains an existing lake on the golf course. The 418 feet of tributary to Gist Creek would be filled in due to the golf course expansion. A total of 17 wetlands throughout the golf course would be eliminated. According to the applicant, the wetlands are generally small, isolated and range in size from 0.01 to 0.38 ac. The largest wetland is 1.11 ac. and adjacent to an existing golf course lake.

Mitigation for all impacts:

The applicant has proposed to mitigate the loss of stream footage by restoring a section of Gist Creek that is currently impounded. This section of creek is currently 1,493 feet long and channelized. The applicant proposes to remove the impoundment and create 1,245 feet of sinuous channel. The lower 375 feet of stream would possibly have accumulated sediment removed and in-stream habitat measures installed. Additional mitigation footage would also be created by the relocation of the unnamed tributary to Little Pigeon River. Both tributaries proposed to be eliminated would have a french-drain system installed to convey any seepage to the receiving stream. The wetland impacts would be compensated by creating a total of 9.79 ac. wetlands within the golf course. Most of the wetlands would be created on the fringe of existing lakes.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Douglas Dam, TN (156-NE)

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Trent Thomas

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

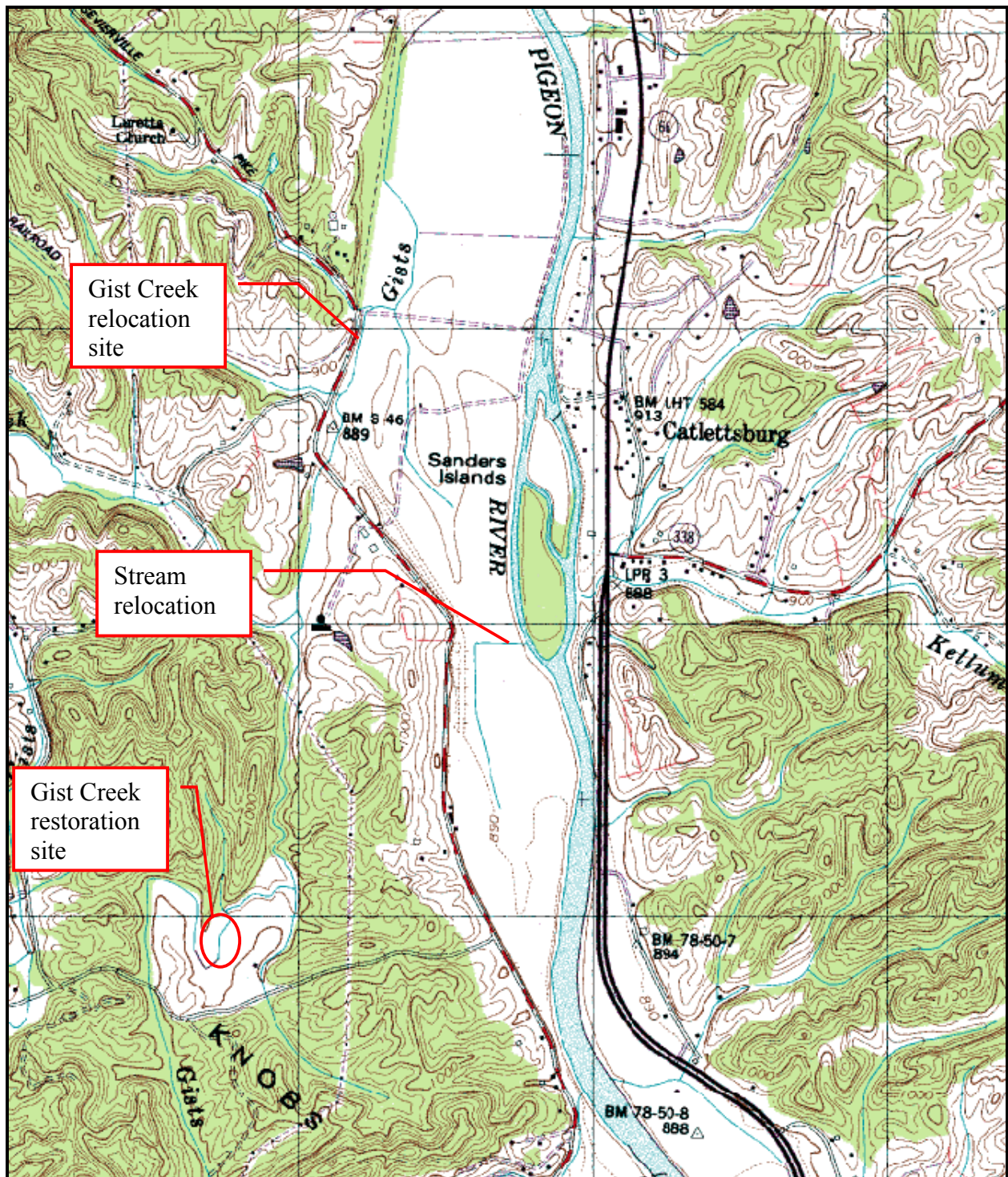


Figure 1: Approximate location of impacts. Wetlands impacts are too numerous to label

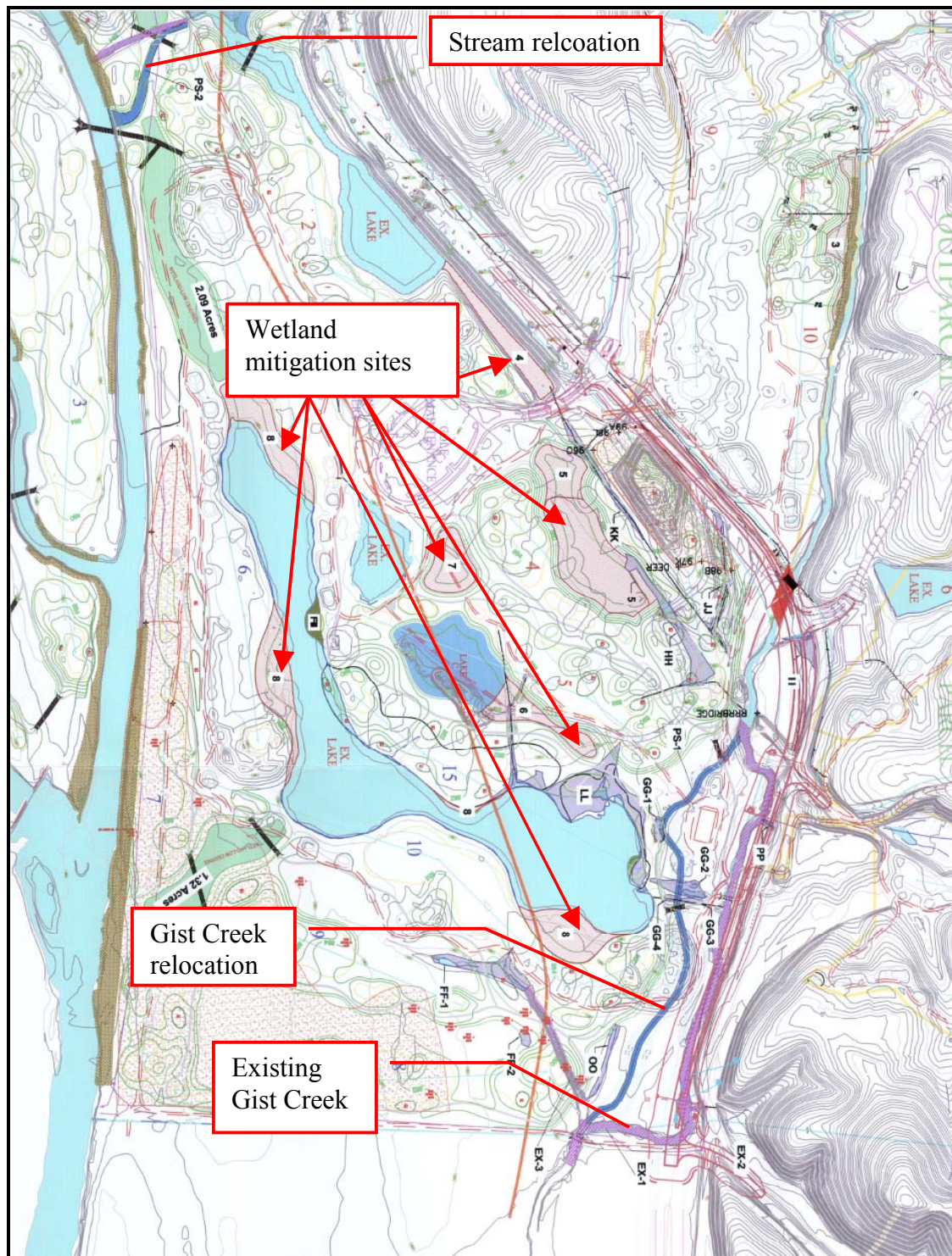


Figure 2: Plan view of proposed impacts

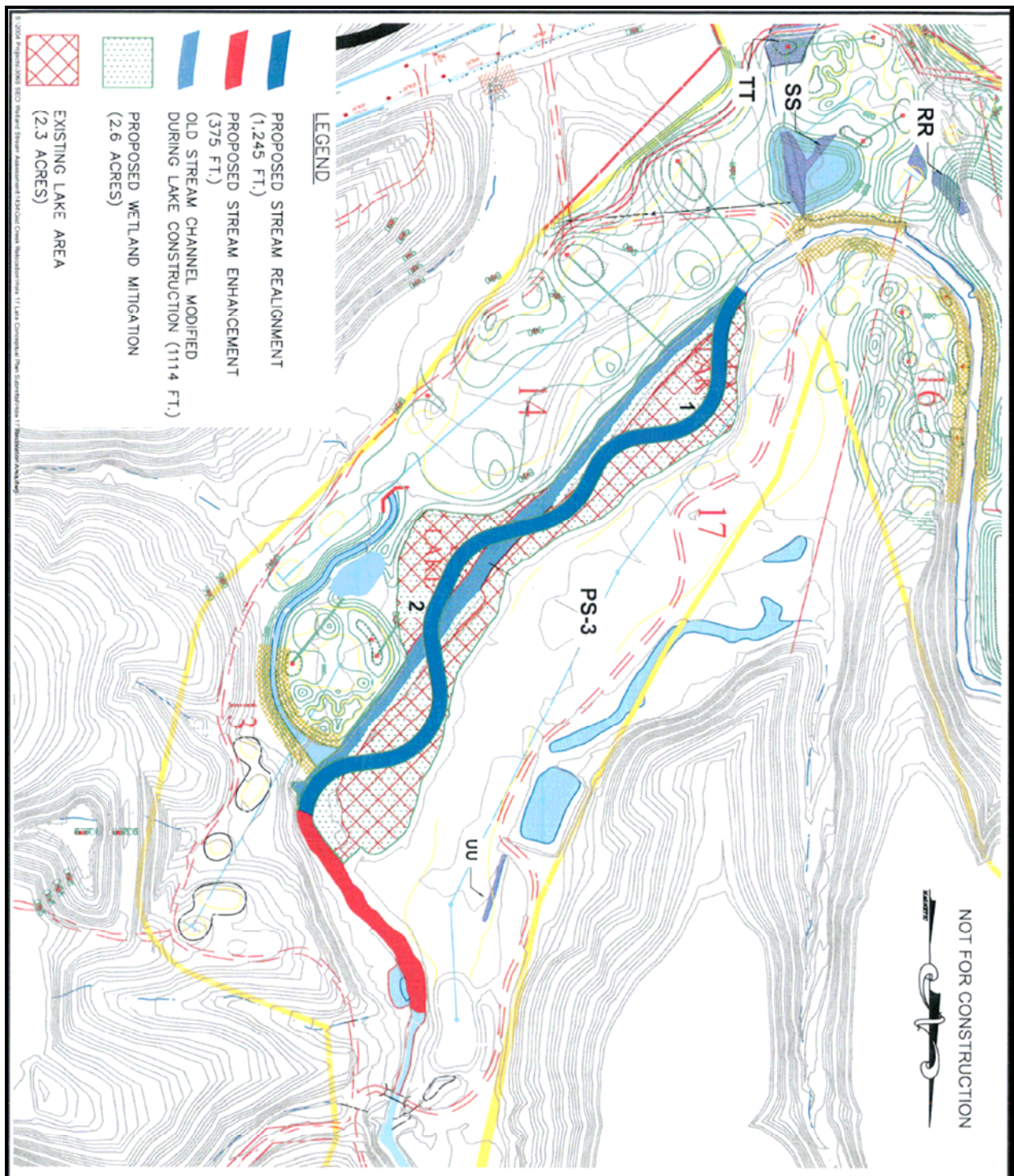


Figure 3: Mitigation site on Gist Creek

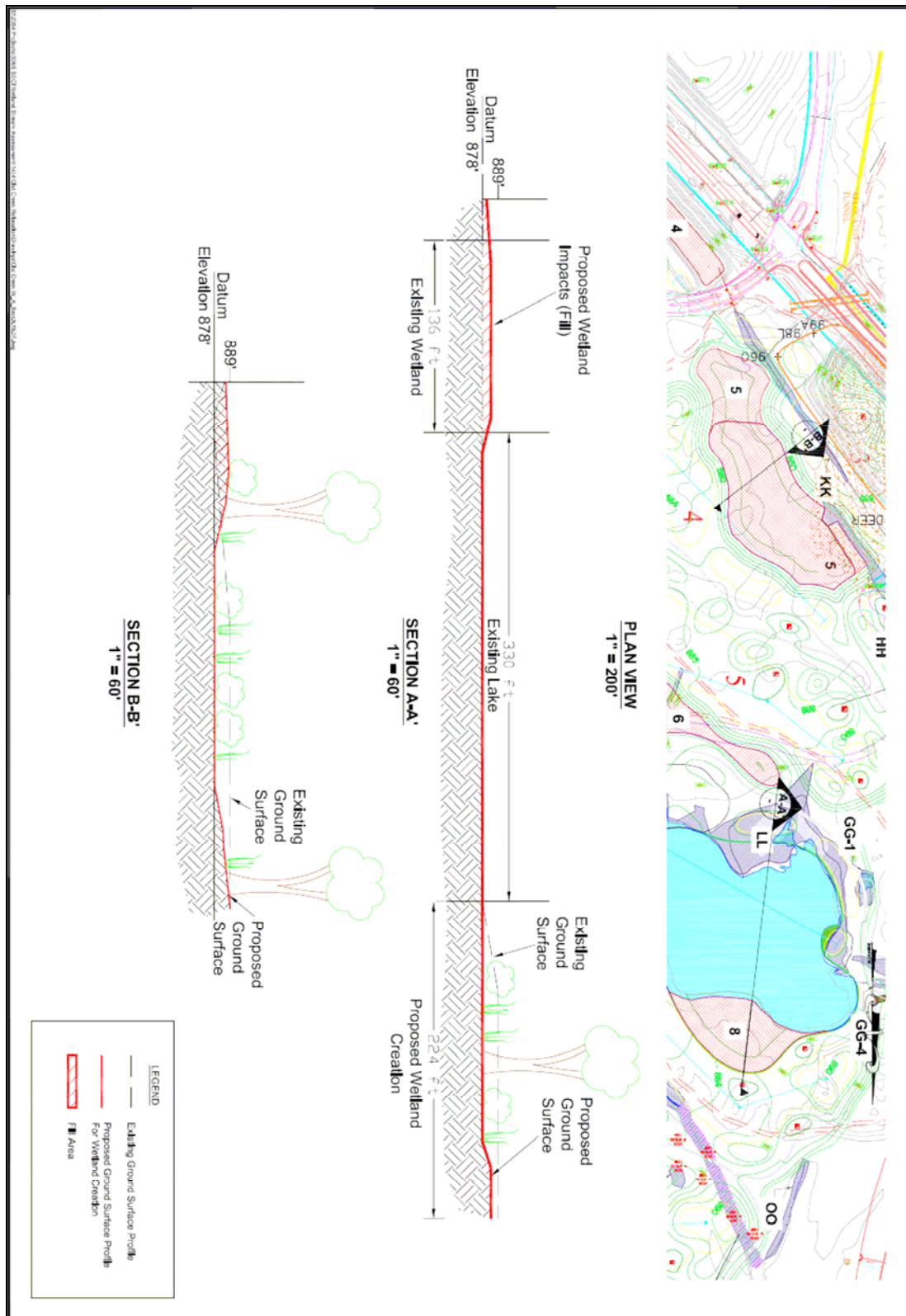


Figure 4: Wetland mitigation plans